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HOW THE EXPERTS SEE IT!

POLONIA FOR CHAMPIONS

WE asked the experts to forecast the final four for the State League this season and they named Polonia for the championship.

The majority vote for two teams to go down are—

● BOX HILL, and
● RICHMOND.

Here are their individual forecasts:

● John d'Andrea (Soccer News). Final Four
1 Polonia
2 Geo. Cross
3 S.M.-Hellas
4 Juventus
For relegation
11 Box Hill
12 Richmond

● Fred Villiers (Soccer News)
1 Polonia
2 Geo. Cross
3 Wilhelmina
4 Hakoah
11 Box Hill
12 Richmond

● Bill Fleming (Herald)
1 Polonia
2 Geo. Cross
3 Wilhelmina
4 Hakoah
11 Box Hill
12 Richmond

● Alex Barr (The Age)
1 Polonia
2 Geo. Cross
3 Wilhelmina
4 Hakoah
11 Box Hill
12 Richmond

● Morrie Buckner (The Sun)
1 Polonia
2 Geo. Cross
3 Wilhelmina
4 Hakoah
11 Moreland
12 Richmond

● Stan Stacey (The Globe)
1 Geo. Cross
2 Polonia
3 Hakoah
4 J.U.S.T.
11 Box Hill
12 Richmond

● Jim Paul (3KZ)
1 Polonia
2 Wilhelmina
3 Geo. Cross
4 Hakoah
11 Melbourne
12 Richmond

● Glenn Millins (3-XY)
1 Geo. Cross
2 Polonia
3 Wilhelmina
4 S.M.-Hellas
11 Box Hill
12 Richmond

Why not try your hand at tipping the State League final four and two relegation teams, and see how you fare with the experts.

1 POLONIA
2 GEORGE CROSS
3 WILHELMINA
4 HAKOAH
To go down —
RICHMOND
BOX HILL

Brothers Gronowski

● HENRYK GRONOWSKI, the new 32 year old Polonia goalkeeper. Henryk was a Polish national player before he arrived here a few weeks ago. (Photo by John Lethaby)

● ROBERT GRONOWSKI, brother of Henryk, the new Polonia right-winger. The 34 year old Robert was a Polish First Division player until recently. (Photo by

F. A. TROPHY IS BACK!

'TEAM SPIRIT WON FOR US' – says Manager

—GREAT BOOST TO TASMANIA—

After 36 hours in Tasmania, the Victorian team returned to Essendon last Sunday night with the F.A. Trophy which was retained with a draw and a win.

Victoria's prestige has been fully vindicated with the 3-0 win in the second match, after an unexpected 3-3 draw on Saturday.

A crowd of relatives and supporters were at the airport to welcome players and officials.

The F.A. Trophy was proudly displayed by assistant team manager, Mr. L. Harris.

The team manager, Mr. K. Defris, was full of praise for the showing of the Victorian players' the improved style of the Tasmanians and the hospitality.

On the wet, muddy ground the Victorian half line failed completely and didn't support the forward's on the first day.

To offset the hard football played by the locals, Victoria played with four forwards and four halves.

The ground measuring 100x53 yds was a small one by our standards.

In the second match both teams played a defensive match and only in the last 20 minutes Victoria broke through to win by a 3-goal margin.

The first match was televised and despite that a record crowd attended—Tasmania paid all expenses after the first day.

The Victorians were presented the trophy twice — after the first match by Mr. Osborne, Lord Mayor of Hobart and after the second by Miss Benjamin, secretary to the Minister for Education and Lands.

Mr. Defris also was full of praise for the Tasmanian Association liason officer, Mr. S. A. Djemal, President of the Olympia S.C. for the hospitality shown to the party on Saturday night when they were invited by the Polish Association at a cabaret ball.

The referee, Mr. F. R. Ward, from South Australia, was fully praised by both teams for his capable handling of the matches.

Mr. Ward was in Melbourne for the interstate carnival and was in charge of Victoria v N.S.W. game.

On Saturday the following Vic. team was fielded:

Hobson, Mandarakis, Falzon, Yanczick, Maruskiewicz, Vella, Barbazza, Hodgson, Jurecki, Dudon, Copeland.

On Sunday—

Gronowski replaced Hobson in goal. Micic replaced Maruskiewicz as centre half. Zielinski replaced Copeland as outside left.

The goal scorers—

SATURDAY

Tasmania: Worsey (3).
Victoria: Barbazza Hodgson (2).

SUNDAY

Victoria: Jurecki, Hodgson, Zielinski.

RICHMOND'S FIRST WIN

Soccer News congratulates Richmond Soccer Club on their first win of the season last Saturday.

They defeated Hakoah 3-1 at Heidelberg and earned the toast of the Melbourne Soccer world.

It took Richmond 17 weeks to register their first win in the State League, and they chose a strong team to break the ice with in the great Hakoah combination.

Player to thank for the win is forward Goettlicher who netted two goals for the German side.

Richmond played well and we believe a few more wins will come their way before the curtain comes down on the final round of the season.

Good luck Richmond! We've waited a long time to print this—but it was worth it!

Top soccer matches in Northern Victoria

The VASFA Council has received a report from Mr. J. Paul, deputy Chairman, following a visit to the area inviting two top teams to play in Shepparton on Saturday October 14, during the Shepparton Show. The Show is one of the three most important provincial shows in Victoria.

Prize-money would be offered by the Shepparton Agricultural Society.

It is also suggested that the next day a combined eleven from the two teams play a Northern Victoria selected side.

The negotiations have been left in the hands of the Executive, with the understanding that no teams can be approached until their position in the Cups and finals is clear.

'VARSITY TOUR

Permission has been granted to Melbourne University S.C. to play in the Australian XI to tour New Zealand in late September. A request has also been made for further financial details of the tour.

PUBLICITY DINNER FOR PRESS, RADIO AND TELEVISION

A dinner has been arranged at the Savoy Plaza on August 9, as a "thank you" to the Olympic Park trustees, and the gentlemen of the Press, Radio and T.V. Arrangements are being made by Mr. F. Villiers, chairman of the VASFA Publicity Committee.

BOOM IN N. Z.

V.A.S.F.A. Council member Theo Marmaras has just returned from a business trip in New Zealand and he reports a boom in N.Z. Soccer and Soccer publicity.

To prove his point Theo brought with him daily papers, sporting papers and a copy of "Soccer"— the Official magazine of the Auckland Football Association.

Theo feels that the standard of the game is not so high throughout New Zealand as it is in Australia, but the public and officials are just as keen and receive more satisfaction through their work.

Theo also brought back with him the ladder of the 1st Division competition for our readers or for any homesick N.Z. soccer followers in Australia.

Here it is:—

First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Pt. Chevalier	7	6	-	1	36	9	12
Blockhouse Bay	8	5	1	[illegible]			
E. Suburbs	6	5	-				
Mt. Roskill	7	4	1				
North Shore	5	4	-				
Onehunga	9	4	-				
Eden	8	3	1				
Mt. Albert	9	2	1	[illegible]			

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PARKDALE

By ALBERT MERRILLS

In the Under 18 League, George Cross put themselves well in the running for the championship after beating H.A.S.K. 5-0 at Princess Park. After 10 minutes Saliba opened the score for George Cross with a low shot.

Just before half-time through a misunderstanding between the H.A.S.K. defenders, Vassallo scored the second goal for the Cross.

In the second half H.A.S.K. showed some good football but George Cross were determined to keep their goal clean. From a corner kick Saliba scored the third goal with a nice header.

Conti made it 4 with a first-timer in a scrimmage in front of goal, and 10 minutes before full time he scored with another first-timer from outside the penalty area.

HAKOAH WIN

At Middle Park, Hakoah scored a goal in each half to give them the points over Essendon.

Both teams played well in rather difficult circumstances and Essendon were unlucky to have two goals disallowed for offside, one of which was put in by a Hakoah player.

In the Under 16 Miller Cup round, George Cross won with a walkover.

Sokil United scored their best win of the season and put themselves into the next round of the Miller Cup.

Their forwards got on the goal trail at last lead by Kosta who contributed five towards the final score of 10-0. Frolchenko scored two, Cracker, Osopiw and Johnson one each.

Essendon Under 14's surprised Lechia Newport by scoring two goals in the second half while not allowing the visitors a goal, although they were perhaps unfortunate not to score.

Snow scored the first from a breakaway and J. Agius the second from a direct corner kick.

The Dons defence led by I. Robertson and W. Goeman was well backed up by L. Allain, Wilson and Deguara, who did a good job by holding their bigger opponents scoreless.

Macaula had some luck but performed well in goal.

BOGGED DOWN

Essendon's Midgets were bogged down in the mud at Ringwood losing by the only goal scored by Wilhelmina, a free kick taken by A. Palm from just outside the penalty area, which rocketed in despite the great effort of goalie K. Rees, who brought off some fine saves.

J. Goeman, Sheppard and Bonomi defended well, while Loughran, A. Allain and G. Rees all made some good moves.

Essendon are still looking forward to some response to their appeal for assistance with their Junior teams.

Sandringham City also wish to put in a plea for a Manager for their Under 18 team.

Anybody willing to help, please ring Geoff Dobb.

Junior results

UNDER 12

Brooklyn Hos. 9, I.C.I. 0
St. Kilda 3, Sunshine C. 1
Essendon 0, J.U.S.T. 0
Wilhelmina w.o., S.M.-Hellas —

Aspendale 0, Olympia 6

UNDER 14 SOUTH

Aspendale "B" 1, Wilhelmina 10
Sandringham C. 0, Aspendale "A" 1
Noble Park T. 3, S.M.-Hellas 3
Frankston 1, Springvale 2

UNDER 14 CENTRAL

J.U.S.T. 3 Essendon 0
Preston 2, Broad'm's Hos. 4
Lions B'd'ows 2, St. Kilda 3

UNDER 14 NORTH

Sunshine C. 3, Ardeer 0
Olymina —, Trident —
M. Polonia v Lechia N't
Lions N't 2, B'lyn Hostel 2

UNDER 10 CENTRAL

Wesley Col. 0, Springvale 0

UNDER 18

Trident 10, Sunshine H. 0
Melbourne 1, G. Cross 1
H.A.S.K. 1, Box Hill 2
Croydon 1, Sunshine C. 15
AJAX 3, Hakoah 2
Essendon w.o., S'gham C. —

Junior tables

UNDER 12

	W	D	L	F	A	P
St. Kilda	12	2	0	44	6	26
B'klyn H.	11	2	1	61	9	24
Olympia	8	2	3	28	8	18
S'shine City	5	6	2	47	14	16
Essendon	5	2	6	20	29	12
S.M.-Hellas	5	1	7	39	8	11
Wilhelmina	5	1	7	4	26	11
J.U.S.T.	2	4	7	7	41	8
I.C.I.	2	0	11	13	51	4
Aspendale	1	0	12	2	73	2

UNDER 14 SOUTH

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Springvale	12	0	1	68	12	24
Frankston	9	0	3	55	10	18
S.M.-Hellas	7	2	4	34	14	16
Aspend. 'A'	7	1	4	33	18	15
Wilhelmina	5	2	6	51	40	12
S'gham	4	2	7	19	28	10
N. Park T.S.	1	3	9	12	66	5
Aspend. 'B'	0	2	11	4	88	2

UNDER 16 SOUTH

	W	D	L	F	A	P
St. Kilda	10	2	1	51	12	22
Essendon	10	1	2	71	16	21
B'd'ows H.	6	2	5	32	27	14
J.U.S.T.	6	2	5	23	30	14
Lions B'd's	3	1	9	12	43	7
Preston	0	0	13	2	63	0

UNDER 14 NORTH

	W	D	L	F	A	P
S'shine C.	12	0	1	36	8	24
Trident	10	0	3	66	9	20
Lechia N't	8	2	2	59	7	18
Olympia	8	2	3	24	14	18
Ardeer	5	2	6	26	16	12
B'lyn Hos.	2	1	10	14	55	5
Lions N't	1	2	10	5	62	4
Maryb'g Pol.	0	1	11	4	63	1

UNDER 18

	W	D	L	F	A	P
AJAX	12	3	2	71	17	27
S'shine C.	12	2	3	95	15	26
Melbourne	11	2	4	99	23	24
G. Cross	10	4	2	48	16	24
Essendon	10	3	4	53	16	23
Box Hill	10	3	3	52	21	23
Hask	10	2	5	47	23	22
Trident	8	2	6	50	36	18
Hakoah	8	0	8	39	27	16
Croydon	4	0	13	32	84	8
S'gham	3	1	12	41	81	7
B. Hill H.S.	3	0	11	8	118	6
S'shine H.	2	0	13	6	163	4

Rangers forwards shine

The inclusion of ex left-half back, Foster, in the Park Rangers forward line has proved to be a wise and timely move.

This clever and versatile player, with the unselfish assistance of inside-right Davidson and inside-left Sherry has scored successfully since his debut at Centre-forward.

Sherry and Davidson, with wingers Connelly and Moran blend in with a symphony of speed and accuracy slashing defences with swift, direct passes and are a trial for any worthy opponent.

At last the Rangers have clicked and out of an unsettled club comes the present, smoothly balanced team, Park Rangers.

Reserves win

The Park Rangers, Moorabbin clash at the Moorabbin ground proved to be a decisive 5-1 victory for the Maroon and white team.

Adverse conditions hampered play but Rangers netted early through Key, who shortly after rose above a bunched defence to nod the ball past the keeper, making his tally two. Inside-left, Touhy added two more and Walsh netted No 5.

Soccer News team

SOCCER NEWS presents to its readers a new popularity contest, based on a popular contests of a similar nature on the Continent.

It asks you to name the IDEAL Victorian XI.

We want you to select YOUR team.

Don't necessarily pick men playing for the team you support, but the best man for the best position. The men you think would fit the eleven positions best.

Fill in the enclosed form and post it to SOCCER NEWS, V.A.S.F.A., Olympic Park, Swan Street, Melbourne.

The Editors will scrutinize the coupons and publish YOUR IDEAL TEAM in a month time.

The competition will be open for four weeks, so go to it boys. More than one entry is allowed.

1. Goal-keeper.....
2. Right-back.....
3. Left-back.....
4. Right-half.....
5. Centre-half.....
6. Left-half.....
7. Outside-right.....
8. Inside-right.....
9. Centre-forward.....
10. Inside-left.....
11. Outside-left.....

Name .....

Address .....

PASSING SHOTS

with John d'Andrea

ABV 2 plans to televise the match on August 2 from Olympic Park. Match yet to be decided by Fixtures Committee. Lots of people wondering if George Cross has run out of the contract with ABV 2. They have been in every match televised this season.

JOHN Rodgers, Scottish left-back, just arrived on the Orion to play for Juventus, was surprised by local soccer standards and also from the shortage of Policemen in attendance .In Scotland, he assures us, there would have been a battalion for a top State League match or its equivalent!

THERE was the story circulating last week that Kurt Defris may open a Tasmanian branch, depending on the result of the Tasmania-Victoria Challenge matches!

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AN over - zealous announcer said at Olympic Park last weekend that Tony Charlton would have a football segment in the Alex Barr Soccer T.V. Show on Sundays.

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WHEN Italian tenor Luigi Infantino was at Olympic Park during his Melbourne stay, he met and greeted the captains of Hellas and George Cross in their own languages. When leaving the ground he said 'Good luck' (in English) to a Greek player. Copeland objected and when he was spoken to in Maltese by Infantino he was quick to answer: "No speak Maltese to me. Me only speak Italian".

Life Governorship

Upon a recommendation from the Executive, endorsed by the Council, Mr. W. R. Thomas has been awarded a Life Governorship of the Victorian Civil Ambulance Service.

BROADCASTS

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STATION 3AR
"Sporting Magazine" 6.30 p.m. Friday for Soccer.

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SOCCER SHOULD PLAN FOR FUTURE!

– says Mr. Van Hoboken

SIRS,—Although appreciating the youthful enthusiasm of your Editor, Mr. John d'Andrea, I am of the opinion that the statements made by him under the heading: "Soccer First but Look Ahead", in your issue of Saturday, July 1, are not solving the problem of how to develop Soccer in Australia to an extent that it will become a general national sport, and, as such, take a place in the years to come among other Winter sports in Australia, such as Australian Rules and Rugby.

It cannot be denied that at least 95% of our present players and supporters are immigrants. It also cannot be denied that the greatest majority of sons of these immigrants are not playing Soccer at present, but are interested in a different code of sport. If the majority of them were playing Soccer, the number of Junior Teams would be at least 10 times as the present number of Senior Teams.

MR. J. VAN HOBOKEN

In an article in "The Sun", for which Mr. Morrie Buckner was interviewed, Mr. Buckner made the statement to the Press that, in his opinion, the growth of Soccer would discontinue, and the interest and attendance for Soccer would discontinue, as soon as the present flow of immigrants would be reduced or completely stopped.

I fully agree with this statement, unless the present Soccer Administration takes steps, as soon as possible, to take advantage of the present interest in Soccer, and the money flowing in for same, to prepare for the future.

Any businessman who, in a period of success and boom, does not look ahead and make certain to consolidate his business, and make plans for the future, is doomed to go under.

Soccer in Australia owes its tremendous growth, standard of play and popularity to the fact that international teams were formed, and support was received from immigrants of the same nationality. This has been a wonderful idea, and the first Club which started same must be sincerely congratulated.

I will be the last person to condemn this procedure therefore, as my own Club has only the same procedure to thank for its success over the last seven years.

At the same time, however, our Club has been looking ahead, and has realised that if we would spend the money which comes from our present large gates, purely and only for putting a good team on the ground each season, there would come a time when we would have no money available, when attendance to Soccer is decreasing, to develop our Club further on a less national basis.

Therefore, we not only decided to make the headquarters of our Club in an area outside Melbourne, where we can count not only on attendance from our own nationality, but also on the attendance from other nationalities, including Australians, but we also decided to take Junior Soccer strongly under view, and started off with three Junior Teams, which we hope to increase to six for next season.

Construction of the ground and the care and training of such Juniors costs money, but I forecast that any Club, at present strong — due to its national support—which is blind for the future, will find itself in difficulty in years to come, when the flow of immigrants has stopped and there is less attendance at its games, because they have not created a new and more general ring of supporters.

It is quite obvious that in ten years time, 50% of the present supporters of Soccer will be too old, and will have lost their interest in Soccer. I notice in my own Club that even old players will only occasionally go to a game after their soccer years are over.

Therefore, it is not only necessary to create new players by making it possible for the sons of present players and supporters to join a Junior Club, but it is also necessary to create new supporters to take the place of Soccer supporters who are now nearly all coming from overseas.

I fully agree with Mr. d'Andrea that this cannot be achieved by just merely changing the name of a Club. This must be achieved by forming strong Soccer centres throughout Australia, under a name which does not point specifically to one nationality.

In general, it will point to de-centralisation of Soccer and a wide distribution of good Soccer grounds throughout Australia. I am of the opinion that if Clubs like Dandenong, Williamstown, Sunshine, Yallourn, Bendigo, etc., would be playing in the later future in the State League, and would produce the same standard of Soccer as we have today, or even better, we can count on a much greater attendance than we have today, especially if these teams are built up from Juniors which have been created out of the youngsters living in such areas.

I have not mentioned Clubs like Moreland and Box Hill, at present playing in the State League, which are not considered to be the strongest and have very little support. I am of the opinion, however, that these Clubs will automatically become stronger and have more attendance, and could be top teams, after the present national teams like Polonia, Juventus, etc., are cut off from their source of supply of new players.

Don't let us be blind and deaf, because sooner or later this is going to happen. If we Committee members of our Clubs, and members of the Council, really can to do something for Soccer, we should not be selfish, and the sooner we start working in this direction, the sooner we can place Soccer in Australia on a solid basis.

We are now facing the fact that by starting to play in Ringwood next year, we may have to sacrifice players who work and live completely on the other side of Melbourne, if we cannot induce them to come and live in a more immediate neighbourhood, as it will be impossible for them to attend training without losing considerable time.

Naturally we will try to induce those players to come and live near their home ground but, on the other hand, we are fully prepared to accept the consequences of our move, as we feel that in the years to come we will greatly benefit from the fact that we can create strong Junior Teams and build up our own players in this particular area.

It is my contention that we should build up, as soon as possible, Clubs such as mentioned before, and the sooner existing Clubs follow our example, the sooner we achieve that Soccer is not dependent any longer on immigration. It is typical, in my opinion, that very few State League Clubs and, in general, all Clubs, have Junior Teams.

Especially State League Clubs can afford the expense for training and equipment for Junior Teams, and the sooner it is made compulsory for these Clubs to start Junior Teams, the better it is.

We changed our name, to start off with, from Dutch to Ringwood Soccer Club "Wilhelmina", and in the years to come, I am convinced that the last name will fall off completely.

The sooner a start is made to gradually change all the names of Clubs into the names of districts or less national names, the better it is, in my opinion, for the consolidation of Soccer in Australia. I repeat that these foreign names and national Clubs have done much for the growth of Soccer, but let us look ahead.

—Yours,
J. van Hoboken,
Wilhelmina Soccer Club

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CHANGE THE CUP

SIRS,—It has annoyed me greatly in recent years to see clubs having to struggle through two matches at Easter and remain idle during the Queen's Birthday weekend.

At Easter, many clubs have great difficulty in fielding a team for one, let alone two games, because of the absence of players on holidays, while very few are away during the Queen's Birthday weekend.

I think it would benefit all clubs if there was one game during each of these periods.

I would also like to see a change in the running of the Dockerty Cup. At the moment it is just another trophy for the State League teams with very little chance of glamour for more lowly teams. The Cup originally was drawn "out of the hat" right from the start, but obviously with so many teams entering the competition some method of seeding had to be instituted.

Why, though, did the legislators limit the lower clubs to only four teams to be thrown in with the twelve State League teams.

I suggest that this should be changed so that twenty non-State League clubs enter the final rounds with the twelve State League clubs

In this way, the luck of the draw would arouse wide interest and allow the lesser teams to judge how far off the top standard they are.

I hope that among your readers you have some people who agree with me.

—Yours, "PETE."

Want to play in N. Z?

The Auckland Football Assn. (Inc.) and the Blockhouse Bay Soccer Club (Inc.) in New Zealand would like to make contact with any Victorian club interested in exchange visits between Victoria and New Zealand.

Interested officials can contact Mr. W. M. Wilson, Secretary Auckland Football Assn. (Inc.), 4th Floor, Pacific Buildings, Cnr. Queen and Wellesley Sts., E. Auckland, C.1, and Mr. E. H. Ebsworth, President Blockhouse Bay Soccer Club (Inc.), P.O. Box 2525, Auckland.

RANGERS WIN

SIRS—In almost freezing conditions Park Rangers and their hosts, Frankston, turned out to give a crowd pleasing display of soccer on a slippery, puddle filled ground. Heavy, driving rain and strong winds made unpleasant conditions, almost unbearable, but good teamwork and high spirits soon overcame the elements.

The Rangers attacked vigourously and netted early but the seasiders retaliated by driving home a high shot. Players from both teams were drenched with water and mud and the goalkeepers had many a close call as the ball rocketed along the greasy ground.

Good defensive work by the Rangers kept the aggressive Frankston at bay and with the capable assistance of Sherry and Davidson soon turned the onslaughts to the Rangers advantage. Final score 5-3 in favour of Rangers.

Thank you Frankston for the generosity shown to us on Saturday and good luck to you.

—Yours, A. E. Barley,
38 Tylen St.,
East Preston.

Speak up-but be Brief

SPEAK UP by all means but please be brief.

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JIM COOK'S WORLD SOCCER ROUND-UP

WALES

A Non League club with two international players at the item! That's the position Welsh club Barry Town are fortunate to be in. With former England player, Bob Kelly, as manager, they have also 42 times capped Welsh international Alf Sherwood as player, coach and assistant manager.

Swansea Town, who will represent Wales in this coming season's European Cup have been drawn against the East German Club — Jena Ost.

A man who has handled the transfer of soccer stars to the value of £250,000 had a benefit match recently and received the princely sum of £20 as proceeds.

He was Welsh scout, Albert Lindon, and the game took place at Merthyr.

Trevor Morris, of Swansea, when manager of Cardiff City bought big bustling centre-forward Joe Benson from Wolves.

In Swansea's all out bid for promotion to Division I next season, Trevor may bid for Benson now with Scunthorpe United.

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YUGOSLAVIA

HOW would Australian footballers react to this sort of discipline?

The Yugoslavian Soccer Association has placed an 18-month embargo on world-class inside-forward Drogoslav Sekularec.

A referee had ordered Sekularec from the field for having kicked an opponent.

Sekularec will play ice-hockey until his suspension expires.

Because of his fame as a footballer the ice-hockey team doubled its normal attendance at the first match in which he played.

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EIRE

The Eire F.A. have been asked for the first time to supply a referee for a World Cup game.

The match in question is the Norway versus Russia match in Oslo, and John Meighan, a former player with Transport F.C., is likely to land this honour.

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MEXICO

All Mexican football club trainers are to have to undergo an intensive training and coaching course in the near future.

In addition all first division players who are likely to be called on for duty in the Mexican national team will have to take part in further coaching sessions. In charge of both these courses will be the Argentine expert Scopelli.

Their eight nil defeat by England at Wembley last season has led to a complete reconstruction of their methods of training and coaching.

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GIBRALTAR

What must surely be the smallest "Pro" Soccer League in the world operates in Gibraltar.

Only five clubs comprise the "Gib" F.A. and these are:— Gibraltar United, Europa, Britannia, St. Josephs and Shamrock.

SCOTLAND

Dunfermline and Celtic both received £15,000 each from their Scottish Cup final.

Glasgow Rangers have been drawn against Monaco the French champions in the 1961-62 European Cup.

Latest batch of Scottish stars to cross the border for the big money trail in England are Leslie of Airdrie, McLeod of Hibs and Moran of Falkirk, all of whom fetched really big transfer fees.

Expected to follow soon are Kennedy of Kilmarnock, McParland of Partick Thistle, and possibly both Harley and Hilley of Third Lanark.

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BRAZIL

BRAZIL is going for youth In its team to defend the Soccer World Cup next year.

The present Brazil national team includes three teenagers.

They are Zoca, 16, Coutinho, 17, and Dorval, 17.

Dorval, an outside-right, has the distinction of being the youngest player to gain full international Soccer honors in any part of the world.

He was only 15 when he first played for Brazil in the 1959 South American championships.

Even though Rio de Janeiro has the world's largest soccer stadium (Maracana, 200,000 people) the Rio clubs are not too well off for home grounds.

In all, the 12 top Rio clubs who form the State League can just top the Maracana figure between them.

Vasco de Gama's ground holds 35,000, Botafogo's 25,000, and the other famous Rio clubs' even less.

The Maracana is used by everyone for important matches, the stadium belonging to the municipality of Rio.

In their recent European tour the Brazilian side Santos played 19 matches in 40 days.

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SPAIN

Barcelona are slipping!

Another defeat of three goals to one this time at the hands of Majorca in a first division game.

Spain avenged Portugal's recent 2-0 defeat by the Argentine when they defeated the Latin Americans by a similar score in an international in Seville.

SOUTH KOREA

SOUTH KOREA won the right to represent Asia in the Soccer World Cup in Chile next year.

It defeated Japan 2-0 in the second "leg" of the final tie.

South Korea, which defeated Japan 2-1 in the first "leg" last year, finished the tie with a 4-1 margin.

IRELAND

Tuning up in preparation for taking over his new appointment as manager of the Irish team Coleraine is Bertie Peacock the former Celtic and Ireland captain. Peacock recently underwent a refresher course at the English F.A. school at Lilleshall.

ENGLAND

Former Arsenal star inside-forward Jimmy Logie who retired a few years ago carved a niche for himself in soccer. Unfortunately the same can't be said for Jimmy's business career.

In the London Gazette recently a receiving order has been made against him in connection with the Public House he runs at Balls Road, London.

Bolton Wanderers have appointed their former centre-forward Nat Lofthouse as second team trainer.

Cliff Brittain, the former Everton and Preston manager, may take over the reins of Hull City.

Stanley Matthews, at present playing in Canada, is likely to turn out for British Columbia All Stars against Real Madrid in Vancouver on August 25.

Tottenham Hotspur have been drawn against the Polish League champions (not yet known) in the 1961-62 European Cup.

Sign of the times and the result of higher wages and the need for economy have compelled Bristol City to cut their playing staff from 35 to 19.

Preston North End have retained only 24 players and are freeing or placing on the transfer list 17.

ITALY

"I'll eat the —— alive!" That was the remark passed by an angry fan of the minor club Cral Eternat when centre-forward Saverese missed an open goal in the match against Salvator Rosa, in Naples.

True to word the fan invaded the field along with others and he proceeded to bite Saverese's leg!

Other fans attacked other players and finally four of the Cral team were taken to hospital for minor treatment.

HUNGARY

The Hungarian F.A. are insisting that all players learn the basic soccer terms in several languages.

The Hungarian national team which recently defeated Wales by three goals to two in Hungary contained only two of the mid 1950's "Magical Magyars".

The survivors of this golden era of Hungarian soccer in which they won the World Cup in 1954 were keeper Tuyla Grocis and outside right Karoly Sandor.

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CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Czecho-Slavakia has turned down a suggestion by Scotland that they play their deciding World Cup game in Glasgow in September under floodlights.

Now the holder of over a half century of international caps for his country is 29-year-old full back Ladislav Novak, and the way he is playing he will have many more honours.

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HONG KONG

Following disturbances at recent soccer games the Hong Kong commissioner of police has threatened to withdraw permits allowing the games to be played.

PORTUGAL

The 1961 European Cup final between Beneficia of Portugal and Barcelona of Spain and which was won by the former was unique.

Reason being that all 22 players who comprised both sides were international players for Portugal and Spain.

The famous Real Madrid player Di Stefano reckons that Portugal have made the biggest improvement in their international soccer standard than any other country and according to Di are likely to cause a stir in the World Cup prelim. in which they are in the same section as England.

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RUSSIA

Russia has been having **trouble about alleged bribery in Soccer.**

RUSSIA'S top inside-forward, Valentin Babukin, is the central figure in one case.

Lokomotiv, a Moscow team, has refused Babukin a transfer to the Red Army Headuarters team, ZDSA.

Because Babukin received one of Russia's highest awards in the last New Year's honors list, the Order of Lenin, for his services to football, Soccer fans and newspapers asked why he wanted to change clubs and what was in it for him.

Russia's champion team, Torpedo, also is involved in the unrest.

Torpedo recruited a goalkeeper, Kabazchvil from Zenith.

But Zenith lodged a protest with the Soccer Association alleging illegal poaching.

Torpedo club itself has been at war with players Doronin and Falin, who left it against the club's wishes.

After a spate of complaints the Moscow newspaper Komsomolskaia Pravda demanded that an inquiry be taken out of the Soccer Association's hands and that the Government hold an investigation into the entire administration of Russian Soccer.

The newspaper offered to place at the investigating commission's disposal hundreds of letters from football-minded readers carrying allegations of illegal payments.

In a World Cup prelim match Russia only scraped through against Turkey scoring the only goal of the match.

In 1958 players Ogonkov and Tatuchin of Moscow Spartak were suspended for life for unsporting behaviour. Their cases were recently reviewed and the suspensions have been lifted.

During Aston Villa's recent three match tour of the Soviet Union more than 160,000 spectators watched their games.

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WEST GERMANY

The German championship final was won by FC Nurnberg 3-0 against Borussia Dortmund, according to "Soccer World".

The Nurnberg team, led by former international inside forward Max Morlock, never looked like losing and delighted the 85,000 spectators at Hannover with their purposeful play.

Thus in the next European Cup Germany will be represented by FC Nurnberg.

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By DON SUTHERLAND

THE RECORD attendance at Olympic Park last Sunday week when nearly 17,000 people saw George Cross defeat South Melbourne-Hellas by 2-0 was striking evidence that soccer has really arrived in Victoria. The enthusiasm of the crowd, coupled with the excellent display by the competing teams, provided an atmosphere reminiscent of top class games overseas and will surely land us on to big and better things.

Full credit must go to "The Age" for their excellent soccer coverage the next day by their capable columnist Alec Barr. The action photograph of star George Cross and Victorian goalkeeper Norm Hobson was excellent and "The Age" deserves congratulations and the support of all of us for the fair news coverage which it is providing for the ever-growing numbers of soccer followers.

SLAVIA lived up to the reputation I forecasted for them a couple of weeks ago with a good win over Juventus. Very few people at the Showgrounds knew that Slavia's goalie **Ray Barotajs** broke his thumb when he hit the cross-bar trying to push out the ball which finished in the net to give Juventus their equalizer after 30 minutes of play. Ray not only finished the game, but gave a faultless display to keep his goal clear in the second half.

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RAY is probably Slavia's most popular player. He is the only surviving member of the team Slavia fielded in 1956 in their first year of State League, and he has only missed a few games (through injury) since then. He has hardly missed a social function; he has only missed a few arguments with the Committee or with players; he has never let the club down. Slavia is proud of you, Ray, and deservedly so!

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MELBOURNE have made great improvement recently and are now playing much better football than earlier in the season. Players imported from overseas have not been up to expectations and the club lost valuable points in finding out if they would come good — this has now stopped. Melbourne's popular secretary **Vic Manson** reports that **Mr. Lolly Varney** has taken over the coach's position and Vic expresses the opinion that he is an excellent man for the job. He is slowly bringing the team back to its normal high standard by hard physical training, discipline, and the right players in the right position. Varney himself was a well-known player in Hungary and played first-class football for many years, and he thus commands considerable respect from his players.

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SINCE Melbourne began its losing run of games, men have been elected to the Committee who have great ability and to again quote **Vic Manson** — "I can honestly say I have never seen such a well balanced and intelligent group of members who are dedicated to the task of making the Melbourne team one of the best in Victoria, and planning policy for 1962 is now in progress."

Incidentally, Vic, many thanks for news of your club — I look forward to hearing from either yourself or publicity officer **John Barmway** regularly in the future.

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POLONIA have a new player in **M. Mroczkowski**, who arrived a few weeks ago from Poland. He is now playing at right-half for the Reserves and his debut against Richmond turned out to be very successful. In Poland he played for the juniors of Wiarus S.C. in Szczecin.

In spite of gossip to the contrary it is confirmed that star Polonia player **W. Janczyk** will play with his present club for at least another two seasons. Janczyk's beautiful wife is very popular among Polonia supporters and her father, **Mr. Zabuski** (one of the founders of the club) has said that he is willing to cover the expenses of bringing new Polish players from Poland or France.

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BOX HILL Supporters' Club are holding a Buffet Dance at the Doncaster Hotel on August 26, while a card night will be held at "Granny" Fox's on Friday, August 11 — this is always a popular night.

Martin Beurcht, Box Hill's brilliant goalkeeper and **Hans Steinet**, a Reserve player, were injured in a car crash on Saturday, July 8. Martin is expected to be fit for the game against Juventus.

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JOHN BURNS, ex-Footscray player, at present centre-half in Moreland's 1st team, weds a west lassie today, and our sincere congratulations go to he and his bride. He has arranged the wedding for 5.30 p.m., so that he will be available if required!

The Moreland club had a successful party for he and his fiance at the club-rooms two weeks ago. **Davie Oxton** takes the plunge into matrimony in August and the club is having a similar party for him — probably during the second or third week in August. An invitation is extended to anyone who would like to come (needless to say, it won't be dry!).

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THE Ferntree Gully Soccer Club celebrated their fifth birthday a few week's ago with a victory dance — they dealt out the crushing 6-0 defeat to one of their 'hoodoo' opponents, Sandringham City, that afternoon and which was their highest score of the season.

Mr. Con Smits, Ferntree Gully's President, has been a real driving force behind the building up of a strong club, and their ground at Brenock Park is something to be really proud of. The club is mainly composed of Dutch boys, many of whom have played with the club since its beginning. They get excellent local publicity and are a good example of what can be achieved when a group of hardworking, conscientious men get together to form a Soccer Club.

Ferntree Gully teams are noted for their hard clean play and high standard of sportsmanship. I wish you many happy returns of your Anniversary!

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: The sign of a good soccer player is not brilliant individual efforts but the contribution he makes to the good play of his team-mates.

Metropolitan High Schools soccer draw

Division 1: Upway, Nunawading, Box Hill, Camberwell, Melbourne No. 1, Balwyn.

Division 2: Brighton, Melbourne No. 2, University No. 2, Essendon No. 2, Northcote No. 2, Dandenong.

Division 3: Coburg, Northcote No. 1, Essendon No. 1, University No. 1, Glenroy, Heidelberg.

July 19: Div. 1—Balw. v. North.

Div. 3 — Ess. v. Heid., North. v. Uni., Cob. v. Glen.

July 25: Div. 1—Nun. v. Balw., B. H. v. Melb., Upw. v. Camb.

Div. 2— Melb. v. Dand., Uni. v. North., Brigh. v. Ess.

Div. 3— North v. Heid., Ess. v. Glen., Cob. v. Uni.

August 2: Div. 1— Nun. v. Melb., Upw. v. B. H., Balw. v. Camb.

Div. 2—Melb. v. North.

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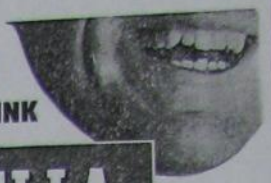

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AMPOL BORON SPECIAL

Brighton may down Preston

By JOHN SLADE

With only 8 teams left from the Metropolitan Leagues, this weeks 4th Round of the Dockerty Cup promises to be very evenly contested, in fact no team can be picked as certain winners.

Today's 4 winners will go into the next Round against State League teams.

Let's have a look at today's games.

The match of the day is **Brighton v Preston.** At their two previous meetings Preston won, 2-1, 3-2, and although undisputed league leaders, Brighton who are second, are renown Cup fighters and I think that Arthur Scott's Brigade are going to cause the upset of the season.

Lions at home to **Alexander**, this appears to be a very evenly matched pair, and both seem strong in defence and attack.

However, Lions playing in First Div. Nth may be a more experienced side than Alexander who are leaders in 2nd Div. Nth.

Extra time could decide this one.

Fiorentina appear to be strong enough to beat either **Austria** or **Footscray Capri.** Their defence has let in only 8 goals this season, and in Cup Tie football a strong defence is of paramount importance.

Sunshine City are at home to Sandringham City.

On paper this would appear a foregone conclusion, that Sunshine City would win easily, however, in their previous Cup Rounds, Sandringham have shown the true fighting spirit, and I think that with their strongest team Sandringham will fully test Ian Petherick's great cup fighting side.

Sunshine have had a good record for the Dockerty Cup over the past few seasons.

My Selections: Brighton, Lions, Fiorentina, Sunshine City.

Rapid wants games here

Mr. E. W. King, J.P., Secretary, Rapid Soccer Club, Box 172R., G.P.O., Hobart is desirous of receiving an invitation to play in Melbourne two matches over a week-end in early October.

The Club have won the Southern Tasmanian Championship having a 9 point lead with three games to go. The Club has also won two other Cups and have seven State players in their side.

Would any Melbourne Club interested in negotiating please contact the Rapid Soccer Club direct.

LIONS WIN

LIONS RESERVES 5, Prahran Reserves 1

Lions kicked off against a strong wind and Prahran were quick to take advantage, but Prahran forwards failed badly when shooting for goal. Lions scored after ten minutes in a breakaway while the Prahran defence floundered in the mud.

Five minutes later Prahran equalised from a free kick and this put Lions into gear. From the restart they mastered the slippery ground and played some delightful mid-field football, finding the open spaces and rarely wasting a ball. Lions took the lead again after thirty minutes, adding number three two minutes later.

HALF TIME—LIONS RESERVES 3, PRAHRAN RESERVES 1

Lions took command. Prahran players were unable to adapt themselves to the slippery ground.

Lions scored again in the sixtieth minute, and number five followed ten minutes later. The only star in the Prahran team was inside-left Tony Linden, who struggled untiringly to get his forwards moving to no avail.

TASSIE WARNING

CONGRATULATIONS to Tasmania on a splendid showing in Adelaide—I'm told only a penalty upset them—and to Southern Tasmania on their clean sweep in Burnie, writes Jack Cade in the Hobart Mercury.

We have done well against South Australia, so now let us show Victoria also that soccer is on the upgrade here.

Incidentally, Queensland beat Victoria 7-1 after losing 1-2 in the first game. Victorian inside-left Mike de Bruyckere injured his leg in the second half. South Australia beat Victoria last year.

Letters to the Editor

WATCH THIS BOY

SIRS—I send you this letter hoping that it will help to clear up few things about many young players of our popular and so beautiful game of soccer.

Yes to help those young players full of enthusiasm that are not helped to show and improve their ability, and that in many cases are forced to give up playing soccer and to join another kind of sport.

For example: during a match of Australian Rules football when a team is safe and home, then the coach of this team often sends out to the ground to play the two reserves, in many cases young and promising players, and slowly but surely those two players will get confidence and experience.

Naturally they will learn vital points about the game that they couldn't learn when playing in a poorer and less skillful side.

I would like to point to a particular case where a team "Preston first" has an advantage of nine points in the ladder on the second team and there **are only five games left to play!!!**

What about giving the two or three best and most promising players in the reserves a run with the first?

At this stage Preston will have nothing to lose in giving a chance to those two or three young players, on the contrary one of them could easily be a find. One of those young promising players that I mentioned before is my nephew: Robert Villani, 19 years old 5 ft. 10½ in., 14 stones, in summer time he is one of the leading athletes here in Victoria, a good runner and an even better shot putter.

In winter he is Soccer mad, he has been playing with the Preston reserves for the past two years, and as you understand he only needs that little bit of encouragement and little bit of polish to become a **real good player!**

But down at Preston nobody takes any care of him! I told him many times to try his luck at some other winter game but he is just soccer mad!

Could you please go down and watch this boy play?

I have a fair knowledge of soccer and I think that in another club where they help and teach young promising boys, Robert could easily develop into one of the best soccer playyers ever produced in this country.

—yours,
George Bertolaca
645a Gilbert Rd.,
Reservoir.

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PARK RANGERS v. ROSEBUD

At the expense of Rosebud the Rangers again collected two points, and, although blustery conditions made football difficult the Rangers settled down and soon dominated play. After repeated raids into "enemy" lines, the Rangers, through inside-right, Davidson, scored, following a series of excellent passes. Rosebud recovered quickly from the shock but although they tried hard to penetrate the Rangers' defence, they were hurled back time and time again. The Ranger forwards put on a dazzling display and before long had netted twice more this time through centre-forward, Foster. A desperate Rosebud changed their forward line five times before they were able to snatch two quick goals resulting from breakaways down the centre of the field. Foster and Davidson, with the unselfish aid of inside-left, Sherry, scored twice more and had it not been for the sterling efforts of the Rosebud "keeper" Rangers would have boosted their goal average still more. Rangers right-full back, Morris, suffered slight concussion when he and the opposing left-wing collided during a heading dual but very few incidents marred a clean, hard fought game.

Trank you, Rosebud, for the tea and biscuits supplied by the good ladies of the club. Keep up the good work.

Final result: Rangers 5 d. Rosebud 2.

Carry on lads.

—A. E. BAILEY, "Onlooker, Jnr."

PARK RANGERS RESERVES v. MOONEE PONDS RESERVES

A struggling Rangers team fell victim to a stronger Moonee Ponds, who, from the kick off, pounded the Rangers defence unceasingly, and had it not been for centre-half-back, A. Bermingham, the much disorganised Rangers would have suffered much more.

Veteran Ranger, Hogg, although playing full back, was seen repeatedly in the forward line thus leaving the Ponds attack unhindered.

The Rangers lacked forceful passing and many an opportunity was lost by too weak a pass. Credit must go to the Rangers "keeper" who, with an unsteady defence in front of him, showed courage and determination against many an onslaught. Moonee Ponds quickly took advantage of the situation and scored twice and although they pressed the attack many times, luck held for the struggling Ranger defence who scrambled the ball out of the danger zone.

Final results: Moonee Ponds 2 d. Park Ranger 0.

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STATE LEAGUE

Moreland —, Polonia off
S.M.-Hellas 1, Wilhelmina 2
Slavia —, George Cross off
Box Hill 4, Juventus 1
Richmond 3, Hakoah 1
J.U.S.T. 0, Melbourne 1

STATE LEAGUE RES.

Moreland 1, Polonia 6
S.M.-Hellas 3, Wilhelmina 1
Slavia 0, George Cross 2
Box Hill 1, Juventus 1
Richmond 0, Hakoah 1
J.U.S.T. 2, Melbourne 1

FIRST DIVISION NORTH

Lions 1, Fiorentina 0
Sunshine City 1, Maccabi 1
Coburg 0, Corio 2
Collingwood 0, Croatia 3
M. Ponds 1, Footscray 1

FIRST DIVISION SOUTH

Geelong 2, Brighton 3
Sth Yarra 0, Dandenong 4
Yallourn 0, Austria 3
Frankston 0, Sandring'm 3
Preston 3, Ferntree Gully 1

SECOND DIVISION NTH

St. Albans 0, University 2
Seymour 0, Sicilia 14
Fairfield 2, Alexander 5
Heidelberg 1, N. Olympia 1
I.C.I. 4, Williamstown 7

SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

Essendon 4, F.N.D. 3
Makedonia 0, Bayswater 0
Oakleigh 3, Park Rangers 1
Moorabbin 2, Prahran 1
Rosebud 6, Trident 0

FFIRST DIVISION NORTH RESERVES

Prahran 3, Moonee Ponds 1
Footscray 6, Moorabbin 0
Park Rangers 0, Coburg 3
Maccabi 0, Lions 7
Fiorentina 1, Sunshine C. 0

FIRST DIVISION SOUTH RESERVES

Geelong 1, Brighton 2
South Yarra 1, Dandenong 5
Yallourn 0, Austria 2
Frankston 0, Sandring'm 6
Preston 1, Ferntree Gully 3

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

Springvale 0, Ballarat 8
Bendigo 2, Florina 4
W.W.F. 0, Kensington 0
Triestina 4, C'wealth B. 1
Ringwood 2, Libertas 3

TECHNICAL SOCCER

SECTION 1.	W	L	D	B	P
Aspendale	7	2	—	—	14
Dandenong	7	1	—	—	14
Brighton	7	1	—	—	14
Oakleigh	5	4	—	—	10
Frankston	4	4	—	—	8
Noble Park	3	6	—	—	6
Sandringham	1	7	—	—	2
Moorabbin	0	9	—	—	0

SECTION 2.	W	L	D	B	P
Swinburne	6	—	1	2	17
Caulfield	5	2	—	2	14
Box Hill	4	3	—	1	10
Jordanville	2	4	1	2	9
Burwood	—	6	—	2	4

SECTION 3.	W	L	D	B	P
Preston	4	—	3	—	11
Heidelberg	3	2	3	—	9
Coburg	1	2	4	—	6
Watsonia	1	4	2	—	4

SECTION 4.	W	L	D	B	P
Footscray	7	—	2	—	16
Prahran	6	1	1	—	13
Collingwood	3	3	1	—	7
Richmond	2	3	2	—	6
Sth Melb.	2	4	1	—	5
Brunswick	—	7	1	—	1

SECTION 5.	W	L	D	B	P
Sunshine	8	—	—	—	16
Williamstown	5	2	1	—	11
Glenroy	2	3	3	—	7
Tottenham	2	3	2	—	6
Altona Nth	1	3	4	—	6
Essendon	—	7	—	—	0

DRAW

Section 1: 1. Brighton, 2. Dandenong, 3. Aspendale, 4. Moorabbin, 5. Noble Park, 6. Oakleigh, 7. Sandringham, 8. Frankston.

Section 2: 1. Burwood, 2. Box Hill, 3. Jordanville, 4. Swinburne, 5. Caulfield.

Section 3: 1. Coburg, 2. Watsonia, 3. Heidelberg, 4. Preston.

Section 4: 1. Richmond, 2. Brunswick, 3. Prahran, 4. Footscray, 5. Collingwood, 6. Sth. Melbourne.

Section 5: 1. Glenroy, 2. Tottenham, 3. Williamstown, 4. Essendon, 5. Sunshine, 6. Altona North.

EIGHT TEAM DRAW

July 19: 6 v. 1, 5 v. 2, 4 v. 3, 8 v. 7.

THIS SATURDAY

DOCKERTY CUP

FOURTH ROUND

Lions v Alexander, Brighton v Preston-Croatia, Austria or Footscray-Capri v Fiorentina, Sunshine City v Sandringham City.

SAM'S Selections

HERE are my U.K. Pools selections for August 5.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Federation 1st Division

1 Polonians v Auburn
1 Prague v Bankstown
1 Apia v Gladesville
1 Hakoah v P. Hellenic
1 Canterbury v Sth Coast
1 Budapest v S. Austral

Federation 2nd Division

1 Granville v Blacktown
2 Corinthians v Croatia
1 Concordia v Yugal
1 Balgownie v Lidcombe
2 Toongabbie v Manley
1 St. George v Sutherland

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

State League

1 Lion v Juventus
x Croatia v Beograd
1 Budapest v Polonia
1 Orange v Cumberland

First Division

2 Salisbury v Victoria
1 Sturt v P. Adelaide
1 Edinburg v Birkalla
1 Enfield v Elizabeth

VICTORIA

X Moreland v Melbourne
1 S.M. Hellas v Hakoah
2 Slavia v Polonia
2 Juventus v Wilhelmina
2 Box Hill v G. Cross
2 Richmond x J.U.S.T.

1st Division North

2 Corio v Sunshine C.
2 Maccabi v Lions
1 M. Ponds v Collingwood
1 Croatia v Coburg
2 Footscray v Florentina

1st Division South

1 Austria v South Yarra
1 Dandenong v Geelong
1 Preston v Frankston
1 Sandringham v Yallourn
X F. Gully v Brighton

SAM'S SIX

HERE are my six specials:—

1 Prague v Bankstown
1 Canterbury v Sth Coast
1 Budapest v S. Austral
2 Box Hill v G. Cross
2 Richmond v J.U.S.T.
2 Maccabi v Lions

Northern League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Roma	15	12	2	1	37	9	26
City	15	12	1	2	51	12	25
Cobr'm	15	11	2	2	52	12	24
East	15	11	1	3	27	14	23
Lemnos	15	8	2	5	26	12	18
Echuca	15	6	2	6	23	35	15
Guilb'r	15	5	3	7	23	12	13
Tatura	15	5	2	8	26	49	12
T'berry	15	3	3	9	19	26	9
Tongala	15	1	3	11	14	39	5
Bormah	15	2	1	12	14	42	5
Cohuna	15	1	3	11	16	55	5

HOTEL LEAGUE

Inter-Hotel Soccer Results:— Pellegrini 3, Scott's 2; Maxima 1, Molinas 1.

League:—Molinas 13 pts, Pellegrini 12, Scott's 11, Fiorentino 9, Maxima 7.

Olympic Park games

Saturday July 29: George Cross v Juventus.
Sunday July 30: Polonia v S.M. Hellas.
State League matches — Kick off 2.45 p.m.
State League Reserves play

HOW THEY STAND

STATE LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	GOALS F	GOALS A	P
George Cross	16	11	3	2	33	10	25
Polonia	16	12	1	3	40	15	25
Wilhelmina	17	11	3	3	44	23	25
S.M.-Hellas	17	9	2	6	36	27	20
Hakoah	17	9	2	6	44	36	20
Slavia	16	7	4	5	28	31	18
Juventus	17	6	4	7	26	30	16
J.U.S.T.	17	7	1	9	30	29	15
Melbourne	17	6	2	9	23	32	14
Box Hill	17	3	2	12	16	36	8
Moreland	16	3	2	11	24	47	8
Richmond	17	1	4	12	16	44	6

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	GOALS F	GOALS A	P
George Cross	15	13	2	0	54	13	28
Wilhelmina	17	11	3	3	48	25	25
Hakoah	17	10	2	5	39	23	22
Box Hill	17	8	4	5	34	29	20
Juventus	17	7	6	4	39	36	20
Melbourne	17	7	3	7	38	38	17
Slavia	17	7	2	8	23	34	16
Polonia	16	6	3	7	27	30	15
J.U.S.T.	15	5	1	9	29	42	11
Richmond	17	4	2	11	31	48	10
S.M.-Hellas	17	3	2	12	27	47	8
Moreland	16	1	4	11	21	45	6

FIRST NORTH

	P	W	D	L	GOALS F	GOALS A	P
Croatia	14	11	1	2	54	16	23
Lions	14	11	0	3	44	13	22
Fiorentina	14	9	3	2	29	10	21
Sunshine City	14	8	3	3	37	20	19
Footscray	14	5	4	5	35	29	14
Corio	14	7	0	7	26	36	14
Moonee Ponds	14	4	3	7	20	27	11
Maccabi	14	3	2	9	20	55	8
Collingwood	14	2	1	11	17	34	5
Coburg	14	1	1	12	10	52	3

FIRST SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	GOALS F	GOALS A	P
Preston	14	14	0	0	49	12	28
Brighton	14	10	0	4	43	20	20
Dandenong	14	9	1	4	42	20	19
Austria	14	9	0	5	44	26	18
Ferntree Gully	14	8	0	6	29	23	16
Sandringham	14	4	2	8	17	34	10
Yallourn	14	4	1	9	24	35	9
Geelong	14	3	3	8	23	35	9
Frankston	14	3	2	9	24	60	8
South Yarra	14	1	1	12	19	49	3

SECOND NORTH

	P	W	D	L	GOALS F	GOALS A	P
University	14	12	1	1	41	7	25
Alexander	14	12	1	1	67	14	25
Sicilia	14	10	2	2	47	17	22
Williamstown	14	8	2	4	42	24	18
Norlane-Olympia	14	7	3	4	36	30	17
Fairfield	14	5	1	8	44	35	11
St. Albans	14	3	2	9	19	48	8
Heidelberg	14	2	3	9	13	37	7
Seymour	14	2	1	11	22	76	5
I.C.I.	14	0	2	12	19	62	2

SECOND SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	GOALS F	GOALS A	P
Makedonia	14	11	2	2	34	15	24
Oakleigh	14	9	3	2	40	21	21
Moorabbin	14	6	2	6	44	31	14
Prahran	14	6	2	6	38	30	14
Park Rangers	14	5	4	5	36	35	14
Bayswater	14	5	3	6	35	28	13
Trident	14	5	2	7	22	34	12
F.N.D.	14	4	2	8	25	34	10
Rosebud	14	5	0	9	24	40	10
Essendon	14	3	2	9	18	48	8

FIRST NORTH RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	GOALS F	GOALS A	P
Lions	14	12	1	1	68	15	25
Footscray	14	9	3	2	51	12	21
Prahran	14	8	2	4	47	31	18
Sunshine City	14	7	3	4	45	21	17
Park Rangers	14	5	3	6	32	35	13
Fiorentina	14	6	1	7	24	41	13
Moonee Ponds	14	5	2	7	27	28	12
Maccabi	14	4	0	10	23	50	8
Coburg	14	3	1	10	19	57	7
Moorabbin	14	3	0	11	20	66	6

FIRST SOUTH RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	GOALS F	GOALS A	P
Austria	14	10	2	2	54	19	22
Brighton	14	8	4	2	35	23	20
Dandenong	14	8	3	3	37	19	19
Preston	14	6	4	4	19	14	16
Sandringham	14	6	3	5	30	20	15
Ferntree Gully	14	5	3	6	30	38	13
Yallourn	14	6	0	8	24	29	12
Frankston	14	3	4	7	28	44	10
Geelong	14	4	0	10	23	44	8
South Yarra	14	1	3	10	16	46	5

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	GOALS F	GOALS A	P
Libertas	14	12	1	1	57	14	25
Florina	14	10	2	2	51	22	22
Ballarat	14	9	1	4	66	18	19
Ringwood	14	7	5	2	56	24	19
Triestina	14	7	0	7	29	22	14
Kensington	14	6	1	7	32	28	13
Bendigo	14	5	2	7	56	44	12
W.W.F.	14	4	2	8	20	51	10
Springvale	14	3	0	11	19	50	6
C'wealth Bank	14	0	0	14	5	118	0

Hellas may lose Kourkoulakos

S.M. Hellas star centre-half Kourkoulakos may be lost to Victorian Soccer permanently.

Earlier this year he flew back to Greece to help Panelefsiniakos, his former team to win promotion to the first national league of Greece.

His strength and ability was soon felt as Panelefsiniakos finally won promotion after two draws in the finals with Aspis.

Being a player of high ability the public of Elefsis, the city which Panelefsiniakos represents, asked him to remain in Greece to play for almost certain to remain in Greece.

NEW WINGER FOR PRAGUE

Prague Soccer Club hopes to strengthen one of their wing positions with the arrival of a new player from England soon.

The player is Granville Jones (27), from Wrexham, third division club.

Jones, who is flying out, formerly played with West Bromwich Albion.

He has signed a contract

INTERSTATE SOCCER

WEST AUSTRALIA

Association—Saturday — First Division: Spearwood 3, Caledonian 3; Swan Valley 5, Vastese 0; Subiaco City 5, Sport United 3; Julia 1, Kiev 0; Perth City-Inglewood 9, Medina 2.

Second division: Emu Rangers 4, Great Alexander 3; Midland Juventus 2, Macedonia 1; Melita 6, Malayan Tigers 4; Cottesloe 5, Malta United 1; Maccabean 5, Queens Park 0.

"International series": Europe defeated reat Britain 5-0; Australia defeatel Metropolitan side 5-2.

Federation—Saturday — First division semi-final (D'Orsogna Cup): Windmills 4 b Athena 0.

N.S.W.

Fed. 1st Div.

Canterbury 5, Polonia Nth Side 0; Sydney Austral 4, Auburn 4; Pan Hellenic 0, Bankstown 0; A.P.I.A. 3, Budapest 0; Prague 2, Gladesville 1; Hakoah 1, Sth Coast 3.

TABLES

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Prague	11	1	3	41	23	23
Pan-Hellen.	9	2	4	34	26	20
Polonia	8	4	3	38	32	20
Canterbury	8	3	4	36	20	19
Hakoah	7	4	4	46	30	18
Auburn	5	5	5	32	22	15
Bankstown	5	4	6	24	25	14
Apia	6	2	7	34	35	14
Budapest	6	2	7	28	33	14
Gladesville	4	3	8	24	29	11
Sth. Coast	5	1	9	29	42	11
Syd. Aust.	—	1	—	19	68	1

Second Division Points

Yugal 26, Balgownie 23, Blacktown, Granville 21, Croatia 19, Corinthian 16, Sutherland 15, Toongabbie 11, Lidcombe, Manly 7, Concordia, Julia 6.

Fed. 2nd Div.

Granville 2, Balgownie 1; Julia 3, Lidcombe 1; Corinthian 2, Manly 1; Sutherland 1, Croatia 0 (abandoned).

NSW NORTHERN DIV.

Awaba 3,Cardiff 1; Lake Macquarie 7, N. Baumgartner 2; Blacksmith 1, Mayfield United 2; Adamstown 1, Newcastle Austral 3; W. Wallsend 1, Wallsend 3; Cessnock 2.

Second Division

Austria 6, Windsor Athletic 0; Malta United 2, Mitcham 1; South Adelaide 3, Kingswood 2; Weapons Research 1, University 0.

NSW BOYS WIN 6-3

NSW schoolboys defeated Queensland schoolboys 6-3 in Soccer at Glasshouse on Saturday.

Queensland boys held the more robust N.S.W. side during the first half.

But the stronger southerners took control early in the second half.

QUEENSLAND

1st Div.:—Blackstone 5, Grange Thistle 2; Easts 5, YMCA 4; Annerley 0, Oxley 1; Azzurri 2, Hellenic 2; St. Helen's 1, Bundamba 1.

2nd Div.: — Latrobe 12, Postal Inst. 0; Dinmore 2, Merton 2; Dhipro 3, Mitchelton 0; Bulimba 1, Sandgate 1; Wynnum 3, Taringa 15, Dnipro 15, Bulimba 12, Wynnum 12, Postal Inst. 0.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

League

Polonia 2, Cumberland 1; Orange 2, Beograd 1; Lion 5, Croatia 2; Juventus 2, Budapest 2.

Association First Division

Enfield 2, Birkalla 1; Victoria 3, Sturt 0; Salisbury 3, Edinburgh 0; Elizabeth 3, Port Adelaide 1.

Tables

League

	W	L	D	F	A	P
Croatia	11	2	2	37	19	24
Budapest	11	3	1	43	17	23
Juventus	10	3	2	41	17	22
Lion	7	7	1	29	31	15
Beograd	5	10	—	24	32	10
Cumb'land	4	10	1	24	31	9
Orange	4	10	1	20	41	9
Polonia	3	10	2	18	38	8

First Division

	W	L	D	F	A	P
Victoria	13	2	—	50	23	26
Birkalla	12	2	1	49	20	25
Enfield	9	5	1	37	25	19
Salisbury	7	6	2	36	28	16
Edinburgh	3	8	4	26	45	10
Sturt	4	11	—	30	47	8
Elizabeth	4	11	—	34	56	8
Port	3	10	2	25	43	8

BILL TIPS POLONIA

Bill Fleming, long-established Dean of the Melbourne soccer press gallery, a former Argus and Sporting Globe soccer writer, has had a particularly good run of successful tips this season in "The Herald."

Bill has gone wrong only twice in his Friday night's "Herald previews.

His forcasts are read with interest by Soccer fans.

Bill was also the first one this year to stick his neck out and tip the 1961 State League Champions: Polonia.

Time only will tell if he is right, but surely soccer followers will continue to follow Bill in his successful run of tips in "The Herald" every Friday night.

Juventus walks out

A soccer "hate" that has been simmering for two years boiled over this week and resulted in Juventus withdrawing from the Tasmanian Soccer Association.

Ever since their unsuccessful protest against the result of their 3-4 roster defeat by Caledonians on June 27, 1959, Juventus have felt they have not been given a fair go.

Training facilities, investigation committees, venues for games, transfers, player's eligibility, selection of representative teams, and referees presented problems they considered unsatisfactorily solved by a biased executive.

Increasing discontent bred an aggressive front which forced a showdown.

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SOCCER EXPORT

Canterbury Soccer player John Watkiss, 20, will sign a two-year contract, with English first division club Nottingham Forest.

Through Auburn captain and former English first division half-back Len Quested, Watkiss has made Australian Soccer history.

He is the first Australian player an English first division club will import.

Quested keeps in contact with several of the top English clubs.

He recommended Watkiss to at least two first division clubs. — "Sydney Telegraph".

S.A. CAMPAIGN

Part-aboriginal sportsmen Charlie Perkins (State soccer vice-captain) and West Adelaide rover Bert Johnson are campaigning for 20,000 signatures of South Australians which eventually may help their race.

TASSIE PRAISES OUR PLAYERS

We reproduce this report of the games from the "Hobart Mercury"

Victoria had a fright, as they did not score until 17 minutes from the end on Sunday after being held to a 3-3 draw on Saturday.

Tasmania—an all Southern team—threw away a golden opportunity on Saturday when they allowed a reeling Victorian side to recover from the impact of two goals in as many minutes and force a draw in the last five minutes.

Victoria, who were at full strength except for coach M. de Bruyckere, deserved their success, as they were quite obviously the better side in both ball control and positional play.

Only the mud and goalkeeper Jim McDowell stopped a more decisive score on both days.

After weathering the initial Victorian assault, during which the visitors might have scored four goals instead of one, Tasmania had only themselves to blame for being held to a 3-3 draw on Saturday.

Tasmania made one change for yesterday's game, Jim Dolliver coming in at inside-right in place of the injured John McKenna, but they soon found they were up against a much stronger team than played the day before.

There had been a great tightening up of the defence, with Micic a formidable centre-half who shadowed Worsey's every move. The strategy of playing four half-backs also held up the Tasmanian attack at almost every turn.

The Victorians were again faster on the ball, had better ball control, and their positional play was faultless.

Best and fairest awards donated by W. D. and H. O. Wills (Aust.) Ltd. were won by: Saturday, Z. Maruszkiewicz and E. Matthias. Sunday F. Micic and A. Hall.

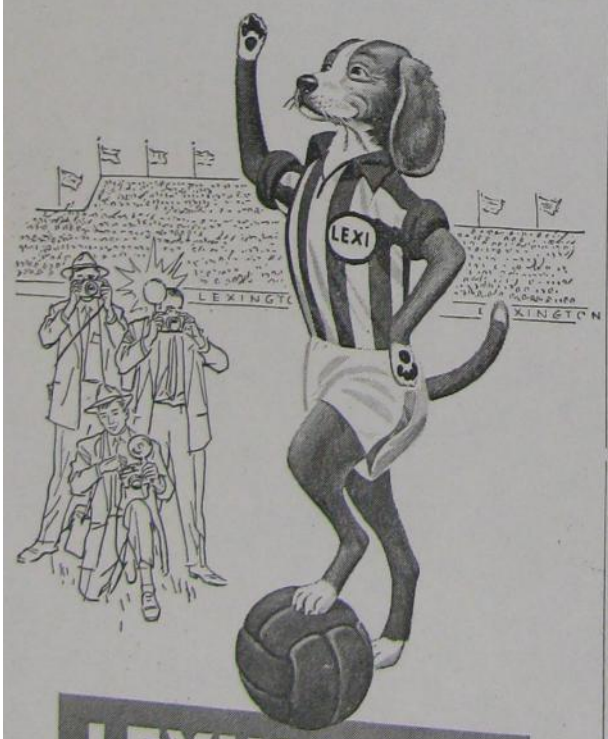
It is possible the Victorian Soccer Association will invite Tasmania to send a team to Victoria next October under the same financial arrangement — the home State pays all expenses.

MR. VIC TUTING, Chairman of the Tasmanian Soccer Council.

MR. KURT DEFRIS

MR. L. HARRIS Assistant Manager for Victoria team.

"The GREAT CHAMP"



LEXINGTON

from America's Best Tobaccos

GROUND ADVANTAGE FAVOURS THE LIONS

By RUSSELL LEA

This round of Cup matches will finally decide which teams are to join the 12 State League teams in the final 16 of the Dockerty Cup. All teams which have progressed so far can be pleased with their achievement.

First Division North promotion candidate Lions play Second Division North promotion candidate Alexander.

In all Cup matches, relative positions on different tables mean nothing in forecasting results, Lions are renowned for their ability and true Cup fighting spirit, but in Alexander, they meet opponents who have demonstrated that they are worthy opposition.

Home ground advantage should favour Lions in what should be a close game.

Preston play their nearest opposition in the First Division South in Brighton.

Twice this season Brighton have given Preston tough matches but have lost on both occasions. Today it could be third time lucky for Brighton, but on form throughout the season one must favour Preston.

Sunshine City play Sandringham City at Sunshine. Sandringham have played impressive football in their Cup-tie, and most unimpressive football in the League competitions.

If their consistent Cup-tie form is any indication, they'll certainly make Sunshine play the full 90 minutes.

However, on consistent League and Cup form, Sunshine are favoured to defeat Sandringham.

In the other match Fiorentina should be too good for Austria or Footscray Capri.

Likely Winners:— Lions, Preston, Fiorentina and Sunshine City.

The Fred Villiers Column

SOCCER followers will join me in congratulating Hakoah forward Mike "Trinidad Flash" Agostini on his engagement to Miss Pamela Coberoft, of Herbert Park, Armidale, NSW. Mike tells me they were introduced "up in the clouds in a plane over the Alps on their way to the Rome Games." Pamela is a soccer fan too. She used to watch Mike play for Chelsea Casuals in London. They'll marry later this year.

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MIKE, incidentally, has taken a position as teacher with Melbourne High School. I hear Soccer is getting a good run at the school. It could go twice as fast with "The Flash" behind it!

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WITH the introduction of Bruce "Mind-your-head" Tuck on the Disciplinary Committee last week, there won't be any funny business. Bruce used to be a top amateur boxer. He's been an Olympic Park official for more than four years. Bruce is in charge of the Council room at weekends — the man who tells the customers to mind their heads!

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IN the Olympic Park crowd last Sunday was Mr. D. R. Dwyer, Commonwealth Migration Officer for Victoria. He said he's heard a lot about soccer from migrants. Thought he'd have a look for himself. Liked what he saw and said he'll be back again — soon.

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THANK you George Cross for providing the Olympic Village Marching Girls at the Park last week. Good interval entertainment. More please!

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I ASKED George Cross Secretary Stan Stacey why none of his boys were in the first six positions of The Sporting Globe's soccer award. "We have no stars," he said. "They all play as a team." Stan's got something there!

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MOTORISTS should watch that parking! The boys in blue have been busy booking double parkers at the Park. Come early and save unnecessary expense.

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DID you see the State League table in the final edition of The Globe last Saturday night? Another soccer scoop!